

REMARKS

Applicants have corrected a typographic error in claim 8.

Applicants have corrected typographical errors in paragraphs 16 and 51.

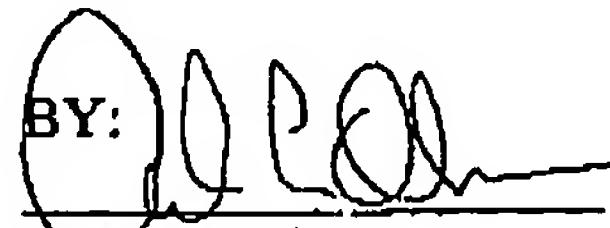
Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of all claims 1-43 are sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the search and the examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP § 803, in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added).

Applicants respectfully submit that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 09-0456.
Should the Examiner require or request anything further from Applicant's prior to examination,
the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the Agent Direct
Dial telephone number below. Otherwise, Applicants request early and favorable examination
on the merits

Respectfully submitted,
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